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SUBJECT: AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT:

REVISED DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. AD HOC COMMITTEE ON ROLE OF UN IN DISARMAMENT (ROUND)
HAS CONCLUDED TWO DAYS OF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON
SWEDISH AND MEXICAN TEXTS AS WELL AS ON SYG'S REPORT ON
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. SWEDISH DELEGATION, WHICH HAS
BEEN CHAIRING THE INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS, INTENDS TO
PRESENT REVISED TEXT IN PLENARY FOR FINAL APPROVAL ON
SEPTEMBER 9, AFTERNOON.

2. TEXT AGREED AD REFERENDUM IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS
CONTAINS A NUMBER OF MINOR EDITORIAL AND COSMETIC CHANGES
THAT DO NOT AFFECT SUBSTANCE IN AREAS ON WHICH US DEL HAS
INSTRUCTIONS TO ACCEPT ORIGINAL DRAFT LANGUAGE. (FULL
TEXT OF REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS BEING DATAFAXED IO/UNP
AND ACDA/IR.) SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES WERE MADE ONLY IN
CONNECTION WITH TWO ISSUES OF MOST INTEREST TO US; NAMELY,
PROPOSED PUBLICATION OF UN DISARMAMENT YEARBOOK AND
OF UN DISARMAMENT PERIODICAL.

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3. WITH RESPECT TO YEARBOOK, DEL WAS ABLE TO

OBTAIN ACCEPTANCE OF REVISED LANGUAGE CONCERNING INCLUSION OF INFORMATION ON MILITARY EXPENDITURES, ETC., TO INDICATE THAT SUCH MATERIAL SHOULD BE PRESENTED WHEN A STANDARDIZED FORMAT AND CRITERIA FOR MEASUREMENT, REPORTING AND EVALUATION OF COMPARABLE DATA ARE DEVELOPED. RELEVANT PART OF YEARBOOK PROPOSAL DEALING WITH FACTURAL INFORMATION NOW READS: 9(A) (THE YEARBOOK SHOULD CONTAIN) "FACTURAL INFORMATION, AS COMMUNICATED BY GOVERNMENTS OR APPEARING IN THEIR OFFICIAL PUBLICATIONS, ON SUCH TOPICS AS MILITARY EXPENDITURES, ARMED FORCES AND ARMAMENTS, MILITARY PRODUCTION, ARMS TRADE AND FOREIGN AID IN THE MILITARY FIELD, WITH FULL CITATION OF THE SOURCES, SUCH INFORMATION SHOULD BE CONTAINED IN THE YEARBOOK IN A USEFUL AND STANDARDIZED FORMAT ONCE APPROPRIATE AND GENERALLY APPLICABLE CRITERIA FOR THE MEASUREMENT, REPORTING, AND EVALUATION OF RELEVANT INTERNATIONALLY COMPARABLE DATA ON THE ABOVE TOPICS ARE DEVELOPED AND AGREED UPON BY THE UNITED NATIONS."

4. SOVIETS TOLD DELOFF THAT THIS LANGUAGE IS ACCEPTABLE TO THEM. (AS IN SECOND SESSION, SOVIETS ARE NOT PARTICIPATING IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS.) SWEDES, DESPITE STRONG PREFERENCE FOR RECOMMENDATION ENABLING SYG TO BEGIN PUBLISHING ANY AVAILABLE DATA WITHOUT REGARD TO A STANDARD FORMAT, ALSO ACCEPTED LANGUAGE ON UNDERSTANDING THAT IT WOULD NOT PREJUDGE EXACT NATURE OF STANDARDIZATION AND MEASUREMENT CRITERIA TO BE USED. DEL BELIEVES LANGUAGE IS FULLY CONSONANT WITH US INTERESTS.

5. WITH RESPECT TO PERIODICAL, MOST WESTERN DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING US, TOOK CONSERVATIVE VIEW, ARGUING THAT DECISION TO PUBLISH PERIODICAL SHOULD BE POSTPONED UNTIL PUBLICATION OF YEARBOOK HAS BEGUN IN VIEW OF PERIODICAL'S SIGNIFICANT FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS. SEVERAL NON-ALIGNED DELEGATIONS, INCLUDING MEXICO, PERU, AND SWEDEN, PRESSED FOR APPROVAL OF PERIODICAL "IN PRINCIPLE" EVEN IF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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A LATER PUBLICATION DATE IS SET. HOWEVER, AFTER LENGTHY DEBATES, NON-ALIGNED AGREED TO AVOID DIRECT ENDORSEMENT OF PERIODICAL, ACCEPTING LANGUAGE THAT WOULD HAVE GENERAL ASSEMBLY "CONSIDER" PUBLISHING A PERIODICAL ON THE BASIS OF THE SYG'S REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF YEARBOOK PROPOSAL. (CORRADINI OF SECRETARIAT DAID EARLIEST POSSIBLE PUBLICATION OF YEARBOOK WOULD BE 1978; THUS , EARLIEST POSSIBLE

CONSIDERATION OF PERIODICAL WOULD BE AT 33RD SESSION OF UNGA, WITH PUBLICATION, IF APPROVED THEN, BEGINNING IN 1979.) LANGUAGE OF REVISED RECOMMENDATION NOW READS: "9(B). THE SYG SHOULD REPORT TO THE UNGA ON THE PUBLICATION OF THE YEAR-BOOK AND ON THE BASIS OF THAT REPORT THE UNITED NATIONS SHOULD CONSIDER PUBLISHING A DISARMAMENT PERIODICAL IN ALL THE WORKING LANGUAGES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE PUBLICATION WOULD PRESENT IN HIGHLY READABLE FORM CURRENT FACTS AND DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT, SUCH AS SUMMARIES OF NEW PROPOSALS AND OF IMPORTANT RELEVANT STATEMENTS AND COMMUNIQUE, IT WOULD ALSO CONTAIN, INTER ALIA, SUMMARIES OF IN-DEPTH STUDIES UNDERTAKEN BY THE UNITED NATIONS OR THE CONFERENCE OF THE COMMITTEE ON DISARMAMENT. IT SHOULD FURTHER PROVIDE ANNOTATED BIBLIOGRAPHIES AND BRIEF SUMMARIES OF IMPORTANT BOOKS AND ARTICLES ON DISARMAMENT QUESTIONS AND RELATED MATTERS."

6. DEL BELIEVES THIS LANGUAGE MEETS UN CONCERNS TO GREATEST EXTENT POSSIBLE IN VIEW OF STRONG NON-ALIGNED INTEREST IN PERIODICAL. THE FORMULATION IS ACCTABLE TO OTHER WESTERN DELS AND TO SOVIETS AD REFERENDUM.

7. UNLESS DEPARTMENT HAS OBJECTIONS TO THESE FORMULATIONS, DEL INTENDS TO JOIN IN CONSENSUS APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATIONS ON FINAL PRODUCT OF AD HOC COMMITTEE. IN DOING SO, WE WOULD PLAN TO MAKE STATEMENT INDICATING THAT US ACCEPTANCE OF RECOMMENDATIONS IS BASED ON THEIR SUBSTANTIVE CONTENT AND DOES NOT PREJUDICE OUR POSITION WITH RESPECT TO THEIR FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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IMPLICATIONS, WHICH ARE PROPERLY THE SUBJECT OF REVIEW AND DECISION BY THE ACABQ AND FIFTH COMMITTEE THIS FALL. (UK AND PROBABLY OTHER WESTERN DELS PLAN TO MAKE SIMILAR STATEMENTS.) BENNETT

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